GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1811
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2000
ENCROACHMENT ON DEFENCE LAND
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Defencein their latest report has expressed anxiety over the illegal encroachment on defence land, improper use of land resources and on wastage of defence land;

(b) if so, the details of defence land under encroachment, location-wise alongwith the date of encroachment;

(c) whether the defence land situated in village Ghitorni, Delhi is also under encroachment by way of constructing a road; and

(d) if so, the action taken to protect that land? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The Standing Committee on Defence(Thirteenth Lok Sabha),in their latest Report, has stressed the need to bring about comprehensive amendments in the Cantonment Act, to empower the Cantonment administration to deal with the removal of encroachments, effectively and to secure adequate coordination between Cantonment Administration, State Government and State Police for removal of encroachers from the Defence land, besides providing a separate mechanism to oversee the progress.
The Committee has also recommended that in order to guard against misuse and wastage of land resources, all the defence land policies, existing in various Government of India orders, should be consolidated into statutory proposals and be included as amendments to the Cantonment Act, 1924.
(b) The statewise details o f Defence land, under encroachment are given at Annexure-A. Most of these lands are under encroachments/illegal occupation of various individuals/State Governments etc. which have occurred over a period of time.
(c) & (d): No encroachment on the Defence land at Ghitorni village in Delhi has come to the notice of the Ministry.

ANNEXUREA REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY GIVEN TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1811 FOR 30.11.2000

Sl.No	Name of the State / Union Territory	Land under encroachment
	(in acres)	
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1558.48160
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
3.	Assam	833.52000
4.	Bihar	341.75500
5.	Delhi	150.41830
6.	Goa	-
7	Gujarat	717.82490
8.	Haryana	268.70820

9.	Himachal Pradesh	26.01100
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	317.08225
11.	Karnataka	144.88387
12.	Kerala	24.92766
13.	Madhya Pradesh	270.23100
14.	Maharashtra	1957.66570
15.	Manipur	3.91000
16.	Meghalaya	21.27570
17.	Mizoram	-
18.	Nagaland	-
19.	Orissa	-
20.	Punjab	3930.96680
21.	Rajasthan	428.95450
22.	Sikkim	0.52300
23.	Tamil Nadu	124.56162
24.	Tripura	-
25.	Uttar Pradesh	2063.37900
26.	West Bengal	546.81680
27.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2.00000
28.	Chandigarh	52.97100
29.	Diu and Daman	-
Total		13786.86790